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SUBJ: US-POLISH COOPERATION IN EMIGRATION FROM SOVIET UNION TO US

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1. ON MAY 26, DURING A MEETING WITH VICE DIRECTOR LUCJAN LIK OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF PROCESSING POLISH ETHNIC EMIGRES FROM THE USSR THROUGH POLAND. EMBOFF SAID THAT, IN THE COURSE OF THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR OPENING OUR CONSULAR IN KIEV, THE QUESTION HAD ARISEN OF WHETHER THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN THE POSSIBLE EMIGRATION OF SUCH PEOPLE TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. AMBASSADOR LIK RESPONDED THAT ETHNIC POLES WISHING TO LEAVE THE USSR WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CITIZENS OF THE USSR. THE POLISH CONSULATE GENERAL WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN SUCH CASES.

3. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THIS SEEMS TO BE A DEFINITIVE GOP POSITION. IT SUGGESTS THAT THE POLISH CONSULAR OFFICER IN KIEV WAS TALKING WITHOUT EITHER INSTRUCTIONS OR AUTHORIZATION FROM WARSAW. END COMMENT.
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